CONCERNED ABOUT A SUFFOLK STUDENT?
WE’RE HERE TO HELP
The Student Affairs Office strives to ensure that all members of our campus community are able to learn, study, teach, and live in an environment that supports academic and personal success.

Deans in the Student Affairs Office are available to consult with faculty, staff, and students who are concerned about a student for any reason.

Difficulties may appear in a variety of ways while students are enrolled in school, including sporadic attendance at classes, work-study jobs, or extracurricular activities; conflicts with roommates or classmates; distressed writings in homework assignments; or changes in behavior, appearance, motivation, concentration, or personal habits.

MAKING A REFERRAL TO THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

Appropriate referrals include students who:

• experience personal or academic difficulties that interfere with their classroom success
• do not attend class(es) regularly or submit assignments on time
• exhibit a poor attitude or behavior that warrants concern and/or whose behavior affects classroom decorum or the rights of others
• have a personal or family concern that may be interfering with classes
• may have difficulty with alcohol or drugs
• may benefit from campus or community referrals or resources
STUDENTS OF CONCERN ADVISORY GROUP
To more effectively respond to concerns raised about individual students and/or to balance concerns for individual students with those of other members of the campus community, the Student Affairs Office meets regularly with the Students of Concern Advisory Group. This group is composed of representatives from other campus offices with frequent and direct access to students. With input from group members, efforts are made to ensure that students can continue to successfully pursue their academic goals and overcome challenges while not infringing on the rights of others to do the same. Interventions may occur in a variety of ways, including:

• the identification of campus and community resources
• referrals for medical care and mental health support
• tutoring assistance or accommodations for students with documented disabilities
• consultation with family members/legal guardians with a student’s prior written consent

COUNSELING, HEALTH & WELLNESS
You may consult with staff in Counseling, Health & Wellness about students of concern. Contact Dr. Jean Joyce-Brady at 617-573-8226 or visit 73 Tremont Street, 5th floor. Due to FERPA and HIPAA regulations, as well as Massachusetts state laws, staff will only share confidential information about students with their prior written consent or if they are determined to be at risk to harm themselves or others.
CONTACT US

Please let us know if you have a concern about a student so we can follow up with the student and/or work with you to address it:

Call 617-573-8239 and ask to speak with Senior Associate Dean Ann Coyne, Assistant Dean Elizabeth Ching-Bush, or Assistant Dean John Silveria.

Email Dean Coyne at studentaffairs@suffolk.edu.

Complete the online Student of Concern Form, available at suffolk.edu/studentofconcern.

Please note: Online submissions may not be secure. Dean Coyne will review online submissions. To develop effective responses for at-risk students, you may be contacted for additional information. You will be informed when action is taken, although full disclosure may be limited by student privacy rights.

If you are concerned about a potential emergency situation, call University Police immediately at 617-573-8111.